

**UTILITY PATENT  
APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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[ ] Applicant(s) hereby request(s) that the above-captioned application **NOT BE PUBLISHED** under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

Also enclosed are:

[ ] a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 is [ ] hereby made to —  
 filed in — on —;

[ ] a certified copy of the priority document;

[X] an Assignment document;

[ ] a patent application data sheet; and

☒ An ☒ executed ☐ unexecuted declaration of the inventor(s)

[ ] Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 to \_\_ filed in \_\_ on \_\_; the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.--

--This application is a continuation of International Application No. \_ filed on \_\_, which International Application [ ] was [ ] was not published by the International Bureau in English on \_\_.

1. The first step in the process is to identify the problem or issue that needs to be addressed. This involves gathering information and understanding the context of the problem.

2. Once the problem is identified, the next step is to define the objectives and goals of the project. This helps to clarify what needs to be achieved and provides a clear direction for the team.

3. The third step is to develop a plan or strategy to address the problem. This involves breaking down the problem into smaller, manageable tasks and determining the resources needed to complete each task.

4. The fourth step is to implement the plan. This involves assigning tasks to team members, setting deadlines, and monitoring progress to ensure that the project is on track.

5. The final step is to evaluate the results of the project. This involves comparing the actual outcomes against the objectives and goals to determine the success of the project and identify areas for improvement.

☒ The filing fee has been calculated as follows ☐ and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee					\$740.00 (101)
Total Claims	45	MINUS 20 =	25	× \$18.00 (103) =	\$450.00
Independent Claims	3	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$84.00 (102) =	--
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$280.00 (104)					--
Total Application Fee					\$1,190.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					--
Add Assignment Recording Fee \$40.00 (581) if Assignment document is enclosed					\$40.00
<b>TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE</b>					<b>\$1,230.00</b>

- ☐ This application is being filed without a filing fee. Issuance of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is respectfully requested.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 1,230.00 is enclosed for the fee due.
- ☐ Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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